

REMARKS

Summary Of Office Action

Claims 1-25 are pending in this application.

The Examiner has required applicants to elect for prosecution one of the following allegedly patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

Group 1, drawn to FIGS. 1-6A;
Group 2, drawn to FIG. 7;
Group 3, drawn to FIG. 8;
Group 4, drawn to FIG. 9;
Group 5, drawn to FIGS. 10 & 11;
Group 6, drawn to FIG. 12;
Group 7, drawn to FIG. 13; and
Group 8, drawn to FIGS. 14-16.

The Examiner stated that at least claim 1 is generic.

Applicants' Reply

Applicants elect the species of Group 1, drawn to FIGS. 1-6A, for initial substantive examination. Claims 1-18, and 21-24 read on the elected species.

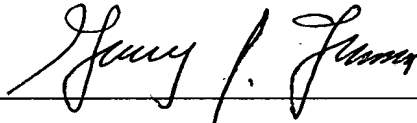
Applicants understand that if independent claims 16 and 24 are allowed, dependent claims 19, 20, and 25, which are directed to nonelected species, will be rejoined to the application.

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Conclusion

Applicants have elected for examination a single species of the claimed invention as required by the Examiner. An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

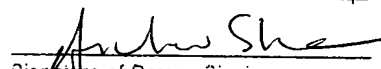


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